

**Date:** 12th November 2016. 13.30-17.30 hrs  
**Venue:** World Horse Welfare, Glenda Spooner Centre, Somerset  
**Present:** As per attached list (at Appendix A)  
**By Proxy:** -"-  
**Apologies:** -"-



**DS** opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

### 2016-agm1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015

These were accepted as a true record and signed proposed by **MA** & seconded by **EB** and voted through unanimously.

### 2016-agm2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not taken under the Agenda.

### 2016-agm3 Annual reports & accounts financial year ended 31/07/2016

With copies previously sent, (hard copy by post by 21<sup>st</sup> October) to all members, the Annual Accounts and Trustee reports had been received back from the accountants after audit in late September and had been discussed and adopted by the Trustees at their F2F meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Re the accounts, the **Chair** informed the meeting the accounts had been examined and signed off by the External Auditors. **DE** took the meeting through the headline figures. In summary –

- The year had resulted in a surplus of £2,659
- At the 31st July there we had £16k cash in the bank (before the additional £6k investment into the Development Fund)
- The bottom line of the balance sheet ie: what the Society is worth, was £24k.

**DE** reported that the IHSGB continued to be on a sound financial footing with a realistic asset base and a reserves policy to future proof the Society. There was a contingency reserve of £5k, a Development Reserve now standing at £10k thanks to an in year investment of £6k and the Youth endowment funds £6.6k. Interest and growth on these accounts added to available revenue. Trustees had regular performance monitoring reports available to them (finance & membership) and 3 year rolling budgets now gave better opportunities to plan ahead. However she stressed that we are a not for profit organisation – we do not plan to make regular surpluses unless we are saving for something specific – some of the underspends in recent years have stemmed from us not actually doing something – for example there has been no uptake of the funds available to Area Reps to facilitate IHSGB activities in their areas or applications to the Development Fund. Our poor retention of new members was also a worry – see later debate about member benefits.

**FP** remarked that members may not know how to apply for help from the development fund and/or regional monies. All agreed that the process needs to be as simple and transparent as possible and that the profile of such help needs to be raised.

**IP** noted that, with inflation likely to take off in the post Brexit world, we should keep a watching brief re stock market and a review of our CAF investments. He suggested a move towards more bonds and cash. As a charity it is accepted that we look to managed funds which are low risk and conservatively invested. There is always a need to balance risk with return and to maintain an appropriate cash balance for day to day expenses.

**JW** asked how we remind members that their subs are overdue (at today's date 39 members remain unpaid for the year although many renew on the old anniversary date/month of their original membership – not having re-aligned their subs to the IHSGB financial year starting 1<sup>st</sup> August.) **HA** explained how there is a progressive series of emails or hard copy letters from her to a late paying member. If subs remain unpaid by 31<sup>st</sup> December the membership is deemed to have lapsed and all member benefits cease. The meeting again noted that c. 20% of subscription income is still coming into the old bank account – the one that was compromised by fraud. Members are again urged to check their standing orders and update as necessary.

- There were no other questions to the Trustees on their reports and the meeting was asked to adopt the accounts and annual report. Proposed by **JA** & seconded **EB** by the meeting unanimously adopted the 2015/16 final accounts and Annual Report.

- The re-appointment of Bevan and Buckland as Independent Examiners to the Accounts was endorsed for 2016/16 proposed by **DS**, seconded by **EB** and voted through unanimously.

- **MA** gave a formal vote of thanks to **DE** for producing the Annual report and Accounts and welcomed the new, more vibrant, document.



#### 2016-agm4 IHSGB Budget 2016 - 2019 including IHSGB subscriptions

- Budgets for the next three years were presented (Appendix B) by **DE**. By looking forward the IHSGB can plan ahead, save and vire funds for biennial events etc.

**DS** noted that no budgetary allowance had been made for the BCs but **DE** and **MA** replied that, given the BC's are run on the principle of not costing the Society ie; a breakeven position, any income stream would be matched by the same expenditure and not affect the bottom line. However the BCs are self-financing due to the generosity of member sponsorships. **MA** also advised that, if the BCs are a world ranking event, then that is a very costly option, tailored for just a few riders and therefore should not be a charge on the Society. Sponsorship for the WCs tends to come in the form of goods/"stuff" rather than financial support. For any external funding such as Sport England then affiliation to the British Equine Federation is required; Kirsty Carson has been researching this in recent years but we have not progressed to an application.

**FP** asked if easier to get judges if the BCs are a world ranking event: **MA** admitted it was.

The meeting then digressed into a wide ranging discussion about involvement/participation in these events. **EB** asked whether you could link a breeding assessment with the BC's? **FP** said this has been done in the past but that it was quite difficult to find judges who held both judging criteria. **FP** welcomed the fact that the BCs are now a set date in the calendar but said that there are other competitions abroad on the same weekend - so available judges are spread thin.

The discussion became ever wider and embraced the later agenda item of 'The Future' too.

**MA** welcomed any expansion of a BC weekend as oval track competitors are thin on the ground at this event. But **FP & IP** queried time restraints especially on the Sunday. **FP** suggested other events on the Saturday running concurrently with the BCs. **MA** suggested two competitions running on the same day at the same venue – one operating within the FEIF rules, one more 'relaxed'. The perception of the BCs remains elitist even though it has been rebranded as the SUMMER SHOW in recent years and is open to all riders at all levels – so how do we change this perception? With stronger promotion of track and trail? **EB** remarking that this class/event attracted the most participation and interest. Combine this with out-riding, treasure hunts, have a go oval track, newcomers classes, TREK etc. **JW** suggested we encourage more people to come and watch and learn and **KC** stressed the need for more familiarisation to remove the 'fear'.

**IP** said the Society however was about engendering better riding. But others remarked that, without the participation of a wider group of members, shows like the BCs/Summer Show cannot afford to run! Events needed to be both fun/enjoyable as well as providing an opportunity to learn. **MA** agreed with **IP** in that the Society is about getting the most out of the unique characteristics of a gaited horse rather than having '*an expensive 3 gaited pony with the possibility of spavin and sweet itch!*' Although there is room for everyone however many gaits you have! **FP** said her definition of a good horse is one doing the job the owner wants it to well!

**JW** stressed the need to be focused on people rather than rider participation; how do we get people to see the fun side of the riding and participation? Rider Development is key.

**EB** suggested, that building on the back of the success of the Hest Fest motto, we need a similar theme for 2017. Can we build awards on the versatility of the Icelandic Horse? Could we have Team events with or without horses especially as transport a problem for many riders. It was agreed that rosettes are a real motivator – everyone likes to go home with one! **FP** remembered similar events in the past. Can the traditional 2 day BC's/summer show be extended for a long weekend? Would those staying longer also volunteer to help run elements of the event? Events like Oakfield and Fi's summer camp are now becoming over-subscribed so how do we broaden the appeal of the IHSGB BCs/Summer Show? **IP** suggested don't do Finals on the Sunday to allow more time for other events. But others noted that being a finalist and, possibly even a British champion, is a real achievement for others! Historic levels of participation have palled due to the increased cost of transport and the fact that the 'Icelandic community' that used to be, only, face to face has now been replaced by social media.

Then the meeting got into the discussion about what does the Society do for the membership? Why should we be a member? **CB** asked what is the raison d'être of the Society. **MA** said we are a necessary body to preserve the uniqueness and purity of this breed in Britain. An organisation is needed to do this, getting its energy and terms from the international community of the Icelandic Horse. **JW** said she would ask her friends who are not members why they had not joined and suggested that we should all do this. **MA** said there is an assumption that there is just a core of people that 'is the Society' and that keep it going regardless. Whereas the reality is that we are always looking for volunteers. **FP** said, in any country, there is a massive core base of non-competing Icelandic horse owners, it is just that, in the UK, there are so few Icelandic horse owners that we need all to come forward to engage and support the Society. Relatively speaking we are a 'cheap' Society compared to other breed societies and the availability of the worldwide database, World Fengur, is a unique and a tangible member benefit. The member insurance option is the real pull of the BHS. Member discounts for equine clothing/feeds etc. might be an option.

**IP** remarked that we used to have 2 or 3 centres that offered Icelandic Horse riding commercially – now this just doesn't exist and hence cannot attract new people to the breed.

In closing this debate, **MA** said he had received some clear messages about broadening the appeal of the 'BC's, the inclusion of a timed ride/treasure hunt, more emphasis on people, de-emphasising (but NOT down grading) the BC's, 'lead-in' events to Sport and greater volunteer involvement. **CB** suggested in hand events too. **DE** suggested that the hosting region be asked to help/set up alternative events to run parallel with the show, providing monies form the regional fund monies and generating ownership/participation of the hosting regions in the event. **MA** welcomed this debate and the value of the input of grass route members. **Action: Sport/Rider Team**

**Action: JA** would promote more communication between Area Reps and their local members.

- Proposed by **DS** and seconded **MA** by the 2016-19 rolling budget was unanimously adopted, as a month 0 /opening budget for the year. Note membership subs are maintained at existing levels for 2016/17.

**EB** then introduced the subject of Passport charges; passports are produced for us in Iceland and, because of the falling value of the pound sterling, a new tariff is being recommended for adoption by Freija Glansdorp, our Studbook Registrar and Trustee. The drive to promote high quality breeding remains in that more favourable rates are available for passports for new foals from highly assessed parents and of course, discounts on all the fees are available to IHSGB Ltd members. The overall tariff is expected to breakeven; there is some Society subsidy on the cost of passports from highly assessed parents but this is recovered on surpluses from other charges. Proposed by **EB** and seconded by **KC** the new charges were endorsed and adopted effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, **FG** having negotiated, with the Icelandic company, for the existing price to be charged to the IHSGB until the end of 2016.

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### 2016-agm5 Trustee Appointments

The following Trustees are standing down at the AGM;

- Kristina Christoff (Education & Welfare)
- Mike Adams (Sport)

The Leisure Riding & Youth portfolios are also vacant.

The following resolutions are therefore proposed:

- THAT the meeting elects a Member to the role of Sport Leader
- THAT the meeting elects a Member as Education & Welfare Trustee
- THAT the meeting elects a Member to the role of Youth Trustee
- THAT the meeting elects a Member as Leisure Riding Trustee

**KC** had encouraged Jane Wildish to come to the meeting as she 'could be persuaded' to take on at least some of the Education & Welfare Portfolio although Jane felt she was very 'under-qualified' for such a role especially w.r.t. Education. **KC** admitted she had severe time pressures which meant she had not advanced the agenda as much as she had hoped but she would be happy to participate as part of a team. **MA** suggested there was a lot of background reading/information on the FEIF websites and that some of the work that **KC** had been doing was to try and align some of the formal British training and education levels to FEIF equivalents. However, welfare is probably the more onerous part of the role as there are, currently, so few UK riders that fall within the trainer matrix. **DS** suggested that rider weight (on small horses) might be a high profile welfare issue in the coming months.

**CB** also volunteered some involvement on the welfare side. The conclusion was that the three of them **CH, JW and KC** would take forward the portfolio with **KC** volunteering herself for nomination again as a Trustee with the support of this new team. **MA** nominated and **DS** seconded **Kristina**

**Christoff as the Trustee for Education & Welfare**, and a resolution was proposed by DS and passed unanimously that the meeting elects **KC** to this role.

Nominations had been received for Kirsty Carson as Youth Trustee (proposed by Jemimah Adams and seconded by Freija Glansdorp) and Mike Adams as Sport Leader (proposed by Andrew Nickalls and seconded by Freija Glansdorp). Given these were not contested posts a resolution was proposed by **DS** and seconded by **HA** that the meeting elects **Kirsty Carson to the role of Youth Trustee and Mike Adams as Sport Leader**. This was passed unanimously and both were elected to the Board.

It was noted that no nomination had been received for Leisure and none was tabled at the meeting and that this post therefore remains vacant.

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### 2016-agm6 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary HEST FEST round up

**JA** took the meeting through a very successful Hest Fest year which involved 15 events and the issue of over 400 rosettes! Jem screened the inaugural showing of the Hest Fest video – about 30 minutes of Icelandic Horse owners having fun with their horses. The Ikey grin was in evidence in every single photo and the range of activities included was huge! The meeting applauded and thanked Jem for her work in compiling the video and everyone for their participation, photos and enthusiasm! The distillery ride was very well received! Gundula Sharman was also thanked for the original idea and her championship of the initiative.

The meeting then discussed what the 2017 theme should be and how, in future, non-member participants should be treated. The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year was, in fact, a PR exercise. In future the role of the IHSGB in facilitating such events needs to be emphasised/promoted somehow. The meeting agreed that if the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video was only available/released to members that was self-defeating as the video promotes both the Icelandic Horse and the Society. It was agreed to make it available to all but to stress the role, and financial support, of the Society. If we are issuing rosettes to all future participants in Hest Fest events, it was suggested we send the rosettes with posters/flyers about the Society and a special offer – a membership special offer for example?

All agreed that the 'Hest Fest' badging worked well so here's to Hest Fest 2017!

**JW** again queried the perception of the Society....is it still thought of as having a sport/competition bias? **HA** remarked that the very successful Sports Rider development courses run by Mike and Jem Adams earlier in the year should be re-badged as Rider Development as they were supportive and encouraging courses that could benefit all types of rider at any stage of their development.

**JA** also asked the meeting what other benefits we can make available to members? Suggestions included:

- Routine email bulletins for example, forwarding of FEIF emails/information etc. with summary bullet points/sign posts to interesting sites etc. ie: A personal communication from the IHSGB to its members rather than generic Facebook communication.
- Member nomination for 'best volunteer of the year', voted for by members with an award.

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#### 2016-agm7 Endurance Awards

**FP** remarked she had, in her possession, the Performance Awards Trophy - last issued for the most miles clocked up in year by a member. The meeting noted that the scheme itself had lapsed. This needs resurrecting, perhaps re-issued as a Hest Fest trophy for the leisure rider logging up the most activities and/or miles in year. **MA** agreed to look into the possibility of re-awakening this scheme.

**Action: MA**

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#### 2016-agm8 Open Forum

**KC** presented the new draft vet certificates for vet checks for endurance riding. These were to be placed in the back of the passport and would be signed off by Liphook Equine to the effect that you were competing a pure bred gaited Icelandic Horse that might not have a clear beat trot but was NOT lame! The meeting applauded this initiative and looked forward to it becoming live as a new member benefit, on application, to become available from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. It would be available to non-members for a charge. The certificates need to be embossed by the IHSGB and sequentially numbered/issued. Hologram ID might also be possible and/or FEIF ID. **Action: KC and the Breeding Group**

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#### 2016-agm9 IHSGB - The Future

Much of the above pertains to this topic. The meeting agreed that Member benefits, perceived or real, remain key. Financial constraints impact; obviously if times are hard maybe membership is the first thing that goes. **MA** advised that Riding Club affiliations are being considered by the Board – as a way to get the 50% of Icelandic owners in this country that are not members involved. This may be brought back to the membership in due course and pilot schemes might be trialled with existing riding clubs that are keen to participate.

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#### 2016-agm10 Life time gifts and legacies with the IHSGB

**MA** took the meeting through a draft proposal/policy document developed in order to address some approaches the Society has received. This draft document is appended (Annexe C). This policy would be finalised by the Board shortly. Comments are invited. **Action: Trustees**

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**2016-agm8 A.O.B.**

**MA:** Again the format and venue of the AGM came under discussion. Having decided, a few years back, to minimise the travel costs for Trustees and thus it has been in the 'South' for 2 years, the perception and feedback of the members is that it should, again, rotate. The North West and Edinburgh were mooted as possible or an airport venue – but the costs of the latter then tend to spiral further with high venue. IP suggested – facetiously we think! ☺ – that the Society be split into England and Scotland!

An accompanying event seems to add a draw. The benefits of a round table debate at an AGM are considerable as we try to determine the way forward for the Society. **Attendance this year has to be a record low and, without the proxy votes sent in, we would not have been quorate!**

**MA:** as an addendum to his report, Mike said that the UK had sent one judge for international judge qualification/examination this year. Whilst it had been a great learning experience, ultimately the candidate had been unsuccessful - this time.

**IP:** proposed that there be a post Brexit review/policy!

**JW:** said she was glad she had come to the meeting and said it had been 'very interesting'.

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**2016-agm9 Date and venue of 2017 AGM**

The date was provisionally set at 11th November 2016 and the proposed venue was Powick Village Hall, Worcester. However the 11<sup>th</sup> might clash with both Remembrance Day Services and Your Horse Live. November 18<sup>th</sup> would also be investigated.

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**DS** closed the meeting at 17.30 hrs, thanking all attendees. He proposed a vote of thanks to our hosts at World Horse Welfare for allowing us use of their splendid new centre as an AGM venue. WHW is an international horse charity that improves the lives of horses in the UK and around the world through education, campaigning, and hands-on care. Our members had enjoyed a browse around the centre, some retail therapy at the shop, the on-site restaurant. Members noted that the Indoor School was also available for hire! The meeting hoped that the modest donation from the IHSGB Ltd for the use of the WHW facilities for the AGM would add to the coffers of the charity!



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## Appendix A

<b>IHSGB LTD</b>					
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016					
12TH NOVEMBER 13.00 HRS					
Glenda Spooner Centre					
<b>ATTENDEES/APOLOGIES/PROXIES</b>					
Name	Attended	Apologies	Proxy Given	Proxy awarded to	Comments
Andrew Nickalls	<b>maybe</b>				
Ann Savage		A	Y	Chairman	
Carola Puddy Henry		A	Y	Jemimah Adams	
Charlie Barrett	Y				
Charlotte Cook		A			
Dave Savage	Y				
Debbie Ede	Y				
					I would like to commend the Toltonline initiative and let you know that it has given me and my horses a lot of fun, while putting in some serious training. Feedback from the judges is really valuable and it allows us to compete and learn without stress or expense.
Dorothy Thomas		A	Y	Chairman	
Elizabeth Adams		A	Y	Mike Adams	
Ellen Brimble	Y				
Fi Pugh	Y				
Frank Carson		A	Y	Chairman	
Freija Glansdorp		A	Y	Ellen Brimble	
Gundula Sharman		A	Y	Mike Adams/Chairman	
H Ashford	Y				
Ian Pugh	Y				
					Congratulations on a successful year, and a big thank you for all your hard work in keeping the Society going
James Joicey		A	Y	The Chairman	
Jane Wildish	Y				
Janice Hutchinson		A			
Jem Adams	Y				
Jeremy Sharman		A	Y	Mike Adams/Chairman	
Kim and Catriona Willoughby		A			
KIRSTY CARSON		A	Y	Chairman	
Kristina Christof	Y				
Lesley Dellar		A			
Maria Wright		A	Y	Jemimah Adams	
Mic Rushen		A	Y	Jemimah Adams	
Mike Adams	<b>maybe</b>				
Nadene Butler		A			
Patricia Barber		A			
Phil Butler		A			
Philippa Pringle		A	Y	Jemimah Adams	
Rona Frame		A			
Sandy Carson		A	Y	Chairman	
Sharon Tomlinson		A	Y	Fi Pugh	
Sue Postan		A	Y	Chairman	
Tim Hutchinson		A			
Torbyn Rees		A	Y	Ellen Brimble	

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## Appendix B

IHSGB Ltd 3 year rolling budgets			TO BE ADOPTED/DISCUSSED 12TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE AGM							
WORKING PAPERS		10/11/2016 version 2	2016/17		uplift to	2017/18		uplift to	2018/19	
		APPENDIX C	INCOME £	SPEND £	2016/17	INCOME £	SPEND £	2017/18	INCOME £	SPEND £
			OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET		OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	as per 2016/17	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET
Breeding	Ellen	Breeding show		500						500
Breeding	Ellen	Young Horse Assessment					250			
Breeding	Ellen	Gaedingakeppni		250			250			250
			-	750		-	500		-	750
Studbook	Freija		1,700	1,700	0.00%	1,700	1,700		1,700	1,700
			1,700	1,700		1,700	1,700		1,700	1,700
Sport/Riding	Mike	WC	10,000	10,000						
Sport/Riding	Mike	FESTIVAL		250			250			250
Sport/Riding	Mike	British Championships	-	-	0.00%	-	-		-	-
			10,000	10,250		-	250		-	250
IHSGB Development Fund		Growth/Interest	750	750	0.00%	750	750		750	750
			750	750		750	750		750	750
Youth		Youth Cup				2,000	2,000			
Youth		Youth Camp								
Youth		Youth general spend		275			275			275
Fundraising		CAF youth growth	100			100			100	
Youth		CAF Youth interest	175			175			175	
			275	275		2,275	2,275		275	275
Membership		subscriptions	7,500	-	0.00%	7,500			7,500	
Membership		FEIF fees	-	500	2.50%	-	513		-	525
Membership		FEIF Conf	750	1,500		750	1,500		750	1,500
Membership	Jem	Anniversary 30th								
Membership	Jem	Regional Activities		500			500			500
Membership	Mike	Insurance	-	1,120	10.00%	-	1,232		-	1,355
Governance		Trustee expenses/Governance	-	500	5.00%	-	525		-	551
Governance		Accountancy/professional fees	-	540	5.00%	-	567		-	595
		Admin & Stationery/Website incl Management Team expenses & travel, AGM costs and mailing	-	650	2.50%	-	666		-	683
Management		Depreciation		22			18			14
			8,250	5,332		8,250	5,521		8,250	5,724
Fundraising		gift aid	1,032	-	0.00%	1,032	-		1,032	-
Fundraising		donations	350			350			350	
Fundraising		Perf Awards/Misc								
			1,382	-		1,382	-		1,382	-
Communication	Jem	Newsletter ad	50	-	0.00%	50	-		50	-
Communication	Jem	Newsletter costs	-	2,500	5.00%	-	2,625		-	2,756
Communication	Jem	Publicity and promo	-	-	0.00%	-	-		-	-
			50	2,500		50	2,625		50	2,756
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>22,407</b>	<b>21,557</b>		<b>14,407</b>	<b>13,621</b>		<b>12,407</b>	<b>12,205</b>
		Surplus/ (Deficit)		850			786			202

## Appendix C

### *Draft for discussion only*

#### LIFETIME GIFTS AND LEGACIES WITH THE IHSGB

The IHSGB has been active for 30 years and been incorporated since 2000. It is a registered charity in England and Wales and in Scotland. Its financial governance is sound and has been able to both maintain the running of its normal activities and put some funds aside for development.

The Society is not large with around 200 members. Nevertheless, it is a Breed Society, maintaining a stud book and issuing passports. It is a full member of FEIF – the international federation and governing body of Icelandic Horses activities. It maintains a programme of breeding shows and sport shows and sends teams to the Icelandic Horse World Championships. It is committed to maintaining and promoting the uniqueness of the Icelandic Horse through ongoing training programmes for riders and horses. It is committed to promoting the highest levels of horse welfare.

However, in addition these routine functions, the trustees and members have dreams and goals that cannot be resourced by the regular members' subscriptions and fees. Accordingly, the IHSGB welcomes lifetime gifts and legacies, restricted and general and has a robust gifts and legacy policy that can be individually tailored and gives confidence to those who would wish to further the Society's effectiveness in this way. Gifts and legacies could be cash or other assets.

#### PROCESS

It is expected that most of those wishing to make a gift or legacy to the IHSGB will have had some previous connection with the Icelandic horse and therefore may wish to specify how their gift or bequest should be used. A proposal would be presented to the Trustees with the purpose of ensuring that the IHSGB can commit to using the gift or legacy in the way it was intended. The Chair of Trustees would communicate with the person/family and ensure that the proposal was clearly understood and once agreed would be presented to the board, adopted and, within the powers of the trustees, become binding on the society. The legal format of the gift or legacy would then be the responsibility of the person/family.

If the gift or legacy is to be administered through a trust, the IHSGB would take advice and discuss any implications with the parties involved."

Due to the long term nature of these things, the IHSGB reserves the right to treat any remaining assets of any gift or bequest as generally available after 15 years.

#### GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY

The overseeing of legacy assets would be under the responsibility of the **Gifts and Legacies Board** (GLB) comprising a lead Trustee, the IHSGB treasurer/secretary, and the IHSGB auditor (or similar person). The GLB would act as a sub-committee to the Board of Trustees. Moneys would be kept in a separate bank account which whilst under the control of the GLB would be included in the reserves provision requirements. The GLB would be responsible for ensuring that any application for the use of the gift or legacy was appropriate to the original proposal. It would also ensure that the IHSGB performs any commitments specified in the proposal.

## POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIFTS AND LEGACIES TO THE IHSGB

### GENERAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

Gifts and bequests can be made to the IHSGB to be used under the guidance of the proposal but ultimately at the discretion of the Trustees under the supervision of the Gifts and Legacies Board. This gives the society the maximum amount of flexibility in the way the bequest is used.

#### Uses might include:

#### WELFARE

Horse care: The IHSGB may be asked to care for the horses where owners have either died or are no longer able to care for them. In these instances, the IHSGB would find a suitable place for the horse(s) and reimburse the carer. Typically, this would cost £1000 pa for grass keep and basic care. If the horse is to be trained and rehomed, this would be assessed accordingly.

Intervention: The IHSGB in certain circumstances reacts to reported welfare issues where they involve Icelandic Horses. The actions taken are restricted by the resources available.

#### BREEDING

Breeding shows : Due to the low number of breeding horses presented each year and the costs involved in having full breeding assessments, the IHSGB is frequently unable to have an annual Breeding Show. Gifts could be directed at supporting the costs of breeding shows thereby encouraging UK breeders to measure and hopefully, improve the quality of breeding.

#### SPORT & RIDER EDUCATION

Sport competitions: Gifts could be directed at supporting the costs of sport competitions thereby encouraging more activity.

Sustained programme of training: There are insufficient opportunities for riders to conveniently attend training courses at a reasonable cost. A solution could be to have a trainer, possibly from

abroad, who holds regular clinics at say, 4/5 locations in GB. The clinics would be at a fixed cost to the participant.

Judges' training programme; the lack of qualified judges resident in the UK restricts opportunities for rider development. To qualify is a long and expensive process. Involvement in an established riding school: This is how Icelandic Horse riding started in several European countries.

Centre for Icelandic Horse Riding including a riding school, maintained competition tracks and club facility

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## YOUTH

Young riders need support in many ways – provision of horses, training, travel and transport

## RESTRICTED GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

**Alternatively**, the gift or legacy may specify what its assets are used for and this would be stated in the Proposal. The trustees/Gifts and Legacies board would not be able to use the assets for any other purpose.

**Bequests may be both general and restricted.**

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